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To principal's position

Shirley Eye named at APS

Mrs. Shirley Eye has been named principal of the Appomattox Primary School, according to an announcement by the Appomattox County School Board at last Wednesday's meeting.

Eye, a native of Albermarle County, has been teaching in the Appomattox County School Division for the past ten years. Her teaching career in Appomattox began with sixth grade in 1974, where she continued to teach until two years ago when she began teaching English at Appomattox County High School.

A graduate of Longwood College, Farmville, she is married to Bruce M. Eye, an investigator with the Virginia State Police. They are the parents of two children, Suzan and David.

Shirley Eye

The appointment of Eye as principal fills the vacancy when Mrs. Torrence, principal for the past [illegible] tion to accept a position as the consultant for economic education in Central Virginia.

Two new teachers were named to the Appomattox County School Division. Mrs. April D. Clingempeel, a native of Lynchburg and a 1984 graduate of Lynchburg College will be teaching Special Education at the Appomattox Elementary School.

David Cox, a native of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, a 1984 graduate of East Tennessee State University, will be teaching music at the Appomattox County High School and Appomattox Middle School.

Tennessee, a 1984 graduate of East Tennessee State University, willbe teaching music at the Appomattox

Four retirees of the Appomattox County School Division were honored. Board Chairman Robert Stewart presented each with a certificate of appreciation for their years of service with the school division.

Honored were Mrs. Dorothy C. Oliver, retiring from Appomattox Elementary School after 15 years service with the Appomattox County Schools. She taught school 12 years prior to coming to Appomattox.

Mrs. Julia G. Elder, was honored upon her retirement as secretary of the AppomattoxPrimary School after 14 years of service.

Also honored were Mrs. Frances J. Goin, retiring as aide/van-driver of the pre-school program at the Appomattox Primary School after five years service with the Appomattox County schools and Mrs. Estelle V. Lewis, retiring as an aide at the Appomattox Primary School after five years with the Appomattox County schools.

In other business the board adopted a revised attendance policy for 1984-85 school year with procedures to be implemented during the year to maintain acceptable student attendance and to improve attendance of those who missed fifteen days or more in 1983-84.

In an earlier attendance policy the student having missed 15 or more absences, other than valid reasons, would automatically receive a failing grade. Following a discussion with parents, teachers, the board agreed that the problem of absenteesm should be handled in a more constructive way.

Student attendance will be monitored daily in the schools. On a semster schedule, parents will be notified when a student has missed more than five days from school and a conference will be scheduled with parents when a student has missed ten day (for reasons other than sickness).

When a student has missed fifteen days from school (cumulative during the session), the student and parents will be referred to thesocial Services Department, kindergarten through eighth, and to the J and D Court (grades nine through twelve.)

Parents will be notified of the referral. The Social Services or/and J and D Court will schedule an informal conference with the student and parents to develop an attendance contract.

If the contract is violated, the principalwill inform the School Board Office and a petition will be filed with the J and D Court. Students under seventeen who continue to miss days after referral to J and D Court will be subject to indefinite suspension. Parents will notified of the action and given an opportunity to appeal the decision to the principal, superintendent and the school board.

When students are absent, parents shall write a note to the school the first day the child returns stating the reason or reasons for the child's absence.

In the earlier draft of the attendance policy students with two [illegible] class absence and B average or no class absences and C average would be exempt from final examinations at the end of the year.

After getting input from parents on the question of exam exemption, the board passed the attendance policy noting that students will be recognized in some other way for outstanding attendance. It was concurred that taking final exams is a necessary part of learning especially for those students headed for college.

In other business,board members discussed the possibility of an electronic classroom in the future. With the arrangements, a teacher in Richmond would conduct a class, students in Appomattox County High School would participate via television.With the pinned program, an interchange between students and teacher would be possible.

"The idea is possibly 10 schools tied into the classroom," said Lloyd Walton, Superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division. "Approximately 10 students from each school would particpate. Fifteen or 20 school divisions have been invited to participate," Walton added.

"I believe the idea of the electronic classroom offers great possibilities for the future," Walton concluded.

Participation in the program would costapproximately $8,000 according to Walton with federal funding picking up the cost of schools particpating in ther program.

Festival plans are underway

The second annual Appomattox Fall Beef Festival is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Paradise Lake. Gates will open at 3 p.m., and close at 8 p.m.

The event, which is sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club, attracted close to 1,000 people last year. Mother Nature cooperated in 1983, providing near-perfect weather to go along with the U.S. Choice beef prepared according to a secret recipe by chief cook Dan Turner.

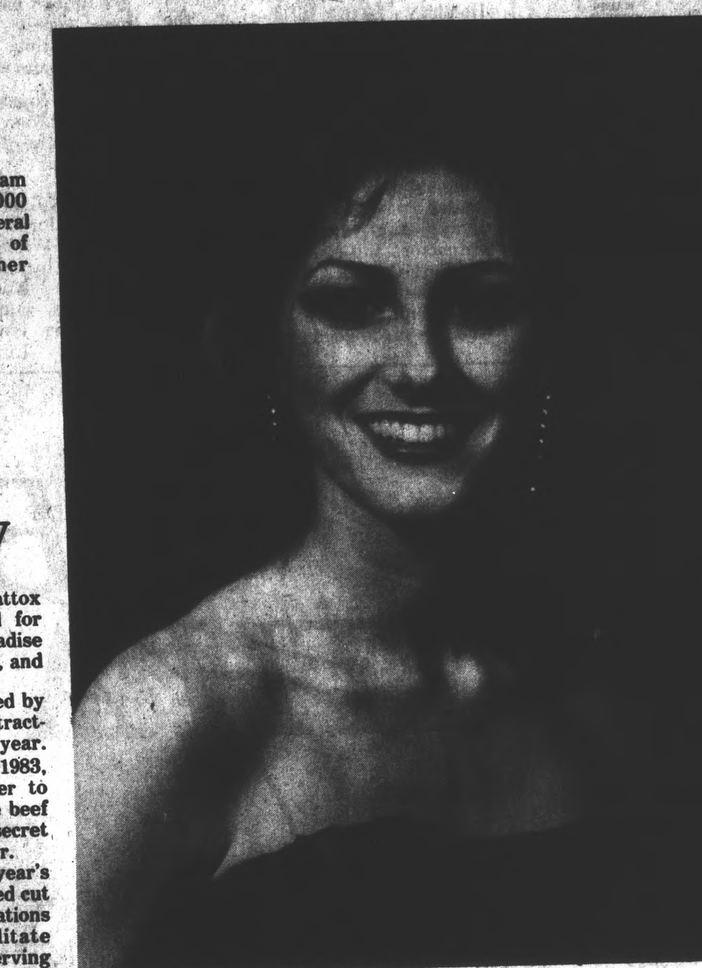
Turner reports that this year's festival will feature an improved cut of meat, and the serving stations will be situated to facilitate maximum movement of serving lines.

Festival chairman Ronnie Spiggle notes that there will likely be a number of dignitaries and candidates for next year's statewide elections at the beef festival.

In addition to the beef, which will be cooked several different ways, this year's festival will again feature live music, beverages, and ample opportunities for fellowship.

Tickets are now on sale for the festival. They cost $10, and can be purchased from any Lions Club member, or by writing to the Appomattox Fall Beef Festival, P.O. Box 6, Appomattox, Va., 24522.

Spiggle notes that a limited number of tickets will be sold, and he encourages those who plan to attend the festival to purchase their tickets early.


Dana McGrath

McGrath prepares for Miss Virginia event

The Miss Appomattox Pageant Inc. will [illegible] with Dana McGrath, Miss Appomattox of 1984 July 7 at noon at the Heritage Inn.

Dana will be leaving Monday, July 9 for Roanoke, where she will represent Appomattox in the Miss Virginia Pageant. Competition will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with Saturday's final [illegible] of Miss Virginia.

Dana will be accompanied to Roanoke by Mrs. June Chenault of the Women's Club of Appomattox.

During the luncheon Dana will model the fashions she will be wearing in the Miss Virginia competition.

Chamber promotes Virginia products

The Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce has joined ranks with other organizations across Virginia in supporting Gov. Chuck Robb's "We Have It Made In Virginia" campaign.

The campaign is intended to focus attention on the wide variety of products available to consumers in Virginia which are manufactured in their home state.

Gerald Wilbun is coordinating the effort in Appomattox County, according to chamber president Lloyd Vaughan. Wilbun has received a number of materials from the state which will be used for advertising the various Virginia-made items found in local retail stores.

"Through July, we're emphasizing Virginia-made products," Wilbun notes. "We'll be getting as much advertising material out to retail businesses in the county as possible, and we'll encourage local businessmen to promote their Virginia-made products through this month."

Anyone who is interested in getting some of this advertising material, which is free and includes items ranging from banners and shelf cards to bumper stickers and buttons, should contact Wilbun at Wilbun's Market, Lloyd Vaughan at Appomattox Office Supply, or Bill Sherrod at the **Times-Virginian** newspaper.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

All set for a big Fourth of July observance. Important to make it a safe one. Ideal weather is promised. Probably fewer picnics and outdoor meals due to the invasion of gnats. The rabbit foot I have carried in my pockets for years finally came apart and is now retired to a shelf on the wall of my den.

My new good luck piece is a church souvenir from a New York cathedral.

Saturday I had the pleasure of seeing Lawrence Haley, now of Orlando, Florida. Here with his brother, Wallace. Remember when their parents ran Hotel Appomattox?

The Vernon Torrences are very happy about, Burpee Burpless, in their patio garden. Picture taking, and all such.

For years my back lot has been a haven for rabbits. Started off years ago with Julip and Saturday, three pert rabbits were having a track meet, running from end of the yard to the other, as singles and then all together. Back and forth. I decided they were practicing for the upcoming Olympic games. The event, the Bunny Hop, of course.

After had planted all manner of seed in my garden, I was pleased to see something coming up. Just emerging, and as it was in a row, guessed it was something had planted. Then I found an empty seed package nearby and thus far have decided that the Columbine is up.

Seems that football has become a year-round sport. A TV game Sinday was said to have been played in 117 degree heat.

Considering the heavy uniforms and contact, that's punishment. Suppose baseball went year-round. Hold up the game while looking for the ball in a snowdrift. Even black baseballs might not help.

Yard sales are going strong. In one weekly newspaper read of eighteen yard sales same day. The 4-H'ers had one here Saturday. Want to go on a trip to Texas, to repay a Texas trip here.

By the way, Wednesday, July 4th, is Uncle Sam's 208th birthday.

St. Louis is much in the news at the moment. Big event there slated to draw several million visitors. I have a current issue of The St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Brought to me, along with other papers, by our longtime friend, Mrs. William Bucksey, nee Hilda Mitchell, Appomattox, native, now of House Springs, Missouri. Here to visit her family at home of William Mitchell, until July 5. Came by plane, some 470 miles each way. House Springs is in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Got its name when Adam House and family settled near Big River on rich land and good water supply. Clashes with Indians were frequent. Wars of massacre and land won and lost. Adam House and son, Jacob, were among those who lost their lives. Three House children. John, Betsy and Peggy survived. Thanks to Hilda for the papers and visit. She has done about as much traveling as any Appomattox lady. Please return on next visit.

Thanks for reading, and seeya around.

Newlyn Morris

Nelwyn Morris is new secretary for chamber

Nelwyn C. Morris has been named secretary for the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's office has been moved to the Department of Motor Vehicles office building on Court Street, according to Nelwyn. The new phone number is 352-5547.

Nelwyn is an Appomattox native who graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1972. She worked with Falling River Realty Company for eight years, and she has been the DMV license agent since June of 1983.

As secretary of the chamber, Nelwyn will handle correspondence and coordinate chamber activities.

She also serves as chairman of the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

Commenting on her work with the chamber of commerce, Nelwyn notes that she enjoys "working with people, and feels that the chamber will provide ample opportunities to meet new people and help them get acquainted with the many fine aspects of life in Appomattox County.

Nelwyn is married to Arthur Morris. They have a daughter and a son.

DMV will close offices for July 4

All Division of Motor Vehicles offices and driver's testing stations will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Otherwise, DMV offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday from 10:a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

School Board will meet tomorrow

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session on Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m. in the school board office on Main Street.

Included on the agenda are a review of the special education program; review of the gifted and talented program, review of plans and specifications for renovation of the Vo-Ag building, Appomattox Middle School. In addition, school bus regulations and student conduct standards will be discussed.

The meeting is open to the public.

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